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*“The Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition facilitates, through dialogue within the food industry and with all levels of government, the development and implementation of a national, co-ordinated approach to food safety to ensure credibility in the domestic and international marketplaces.”*

**Industry/Government Forum Scheduled for  
18 May 2004**

***Integrating Food Safety Systems in Canada*** will be the theme of the 1<sup>st</sup> Industry/Government Forum sponsored by the Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition in co-operating with the three intergovernmental committees responsible for food safety policy and regulation.

This will be an excellent opportunity to network with key officials responsible for food safety at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.

The one day session on May 18<sup>th</sup> will be preceded by a reception on the evening of May 17<sup>th</sup>. Both events will take place at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Ottawa's Byward Market district.

The Forum will start with a key note speaker on international trends in food safety policy and outlook presentations by industry and governments. This will be followed by panel presentations and breakout sessions on two major themes:

- Advancing Collaboration on National Food Safety Standards, Codes and Recognition
- Towards National Food Safety Training Programs for Industry.

The day will conclude with a plenary session where the sessions and their resulting action plans will be reported.

Mark May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and join us for this important Industry/Government Forum.

Additional information about the Forum program and registration details should be posted soon on the CSCFSC's new website.

**Coalition Website Debuts**

[www.foodsafetycoalition.ca](http://www.foodsafetycoalition.ca) - That's the address for the Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition's new website. Check it out and bookmark it for future reference.

With the assistance of Steering Committee member, Mark Klassen and the Beef Information Centre, the CSCFSC's website came on line in early January.

It provides a quick reference site for information about the Coalition and its activities. In the future, it is expected to be a portal to information about food safety in Canada and about the food safety activities of the member organizations.

**New Federal Food Safety Program Up and Running**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced the details of its new Canadian Food Safety and Quality Program on 10 December 2003. This initiative comes under the Agriculture Policy Framework and replaces both the Canadian On-Farm Food Safety Program and the Canadian Food Safety Adaptation Program. It will provide \$62 million over the 4 years starting 1 April 2004: \$4.9 million for administrative and technical support to applicants; \$10.2 million to quality systems development; \$8.3 million to multi-commodity or multi-sectoral initiatives; \$11.9 millions for completing the development of on-farm food safety programs; and, \$26.7 million for food safety programs in other segments of the food chain. Administration of the on-farm application process will continue to be provided by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and applications for all other initiatives will be processed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Additional details can be found at: [www.agr.gc.ca/cb/apf/](http://www.agr.gc.ca/cb/apf/)

**CAN-TRACE Initiative Enters Phase 2**

The industry-led initiative to identify requirements for a whole-chain Canadian food industry traceability (tracking and tracing) program launched its second set of national consultations on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The steering

committee, which now includes 16 organizations from along the food chain and representatives from the federal government and three provincial governments (Quebec, Ontario and Alberta), has released its proposed "Roadmap" for consideration by industry organizations and other stakeholders. A series of 6 consultation sessions were scheduled for January and stakeholders are being asked to comment by the end of February.

The expected outcome of this initiative is definition and development of minimum requirements for national whole chain tracking and tracing standards based on the EAN.UCC system. Can-Trace offers a voluntary, transparent, and inclusive forum that allows primary producers, intermediaries, processors, packers, manufacturers, distributors, brokers, retailers, operators, importers and consumers to participate in the development of a national traceability initiative. For more details: [www.eccc.org/traceability](http://www.eccc.org/traceability)

#### Upcoming Events of Interest

##### Global Produce Traceability Conference

"Join your colleagues from around the globe as the produce industry explores the rapidly evolving landscape of fresh produce traceability." This invitation from Bruce Peterson, Sr. VP/GMM Perishable Foods for Wal-Mart, and Conference Chair, sets the tone for the upcoming Global Produce Traceability Conference (GPTC) to be held in conjunction with the Canadian Produce Marketing Association's (CPMA) 79th Annual Convention and Trade Show. The GPTC will be hosted by CPMA on February 7th and 8th, 2004 in Calgary, AB. The need to enhance global dialogue towards viable global standards for produce traceability reflects CPMA's commitment to global standardization of industry issues. Concurrently the CPMA/PMA Traceability Task Force will meet to finalize the Traceability Best Practices which will form the basis for the upcoming produce pilot scheduled for execution in Spring/Summer of 2004. CPMA also participates on the Can-Trace Steering Committee as the produce industry representation to the work of the initiative. For more information: [www.produce-trace.com](http://www.produce-trace.com)

**New Farm Management Systems — Taking Control** is the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's two-day conference to explore opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between governments and industry groups, provincially and nationally, for the delivery and certification of programs. Across the

country and in every commodity sector voluntary farm management systems have been, or are being implemented to assist producers in achieving their goals of incorporating environmental responsibility, on-farm food safety, and high standards of animal care into their day-to-day operations. The number of new systems and programs is rising, and producers foresee a new reality in which significant time and monetary resources must be spent on the implementation and verification of these on-farm management systems. Currently there is no clear strategy to harmonize or coordinate the administration and delivery of the various systems and "producer fatigue" is developing, particularly among multi-commodity producers where separate audits are required for each program and each commodity. Join us, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ottawa. For a conference registration form or further information, visit [www.cfa-fca.ca](http://www.cfa-fca.ca)

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